

Local Work Group development of local EQIP.

OLMSTED SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION District FY07 EQIP

1. List the local resource concerns that EQIP can address:

Soil Erosion Surface Water Quality Groundwater Quality
Pasture Condition Invasive Species/Aquatic Habitat

2. If applicable, list any geographic regions (i.e. watersheds, townships, etc.) and their respective resource concerns within the District to receive priority:

Zumbro River Watershed South Fork Whitewater River Watershed
Cascade Creek Watershed

3. From items 1 & 2 above prioritize the local resource concerns to be addressed with EQIP funding for the district. Describe a minimum of 3 categories of the highest priority applications which you would want to receive funding.

Soil Erosion and Water Quality in Zumbro River Watershed
Water Quality (Bacteria) in the South Fork Whitewater River
High Turbidity/Sediment Load in Cascade Creek
Soil Erosion County Wide

4. Develop a minimum of 3 and maximum of 12 yes/no questions to determine if an application is addressing the high priority concerns described in item 3.

An application that includes a practice that is planned to comply with an Open Lot Agreement with MPCA on a feedlot in the Zumbro River or South Fork Whitewater River Watershed, and feedlot is less than 300 ft. from surface water. 7 pts.

An application that includes a practice that is planned to comply with an Open Lot Agreement with MPCA on a feedlot not in the Zumbro River or South Fork Whitewater River Watershed, and feedlot is less than 300 ft. from surface water. 5 pts.

An application that includes a practice that is planned to comply with an Open Lot Agreement with MPCA on a feedlot in the Zumbro River or South Fork Whitewater River Watershed, and feedlot is 300-1000 ft. from surface water. 4 pts.

An application that includes a practice that is planned to comply with an Open Lot Agreement with MPCA on a feedlot not in the Zumbro River or South Fork Whitewater River Watershed, and feedlot is 300-1000 ft. from surface water. 2 pts.

An application that includes the practice 329 no till or ridge till on the complete rotation in the Zumbro River Watershed. 7 pts.

An application that includes the practice 329 no till or ridge till on the complete rotation not in the Zumbro River Watershed. 5 pts.

An application that includes the NRCS practice 412 (Grassed Waterway), 410 (Grade Stabilization Structure), 362 (Diversion), 600 (Terrace), 638 (Water and Sediment Control Basin), or 332 (Contour Buffer Strips). 7 pts.

An application that addresses invasive species control through NRCS practice 666 (Forest Stand Improvement) or 490 (Forest Site Preparation). **3 pts.**

An application that includes the NRCS practice 340 (Cover Crop). **4 pts.**

An application that includes 351 (Well Decommissioning), 725 (Sinkhole Treatment), 657 (Wetland Restoration), or 393 (Filter Strips). **6 pts.**

An application that includes the practice 528 (Prescribed Grazing). **8 pts.**

An application that includes the practice 528 (Prescribed Grazing) and part of the 528 grazing acres includes a riparian zone. **2 pts.**

5. Assign points to the questions in Item #4 as desired to reflect local priorities. The total points assigned to the questions must equal 35-60 points.
6. Submit this worksheet to your respective ASTC(FO). After approval from the state office, the questions will be entered into the Local Issues section of the ranking tool.
7. List any recommended practices to be deleted from the state Conservation Practice Payment Document **None**

The local EQIP program description, cost-share docket changes, and ranking worksheet must be reviewed and approved by the State Conservationist before any EQIP contract is approved and signed.

This document serves as the Local Work Group recommendation for FY 07 EQIP. Attached is a roster of participation in the Local Work Group.

Chair, Local Work Group

Date

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